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The reply filed on 01/22/2001 (Paper No. 9) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' were required at page 6, paragraph 7, of the Office action mailed 12/14/00 (Paper No. 8) to elect a single disclosed species of TGF- $\beta$  superfamily member from which the finger 1 subdomain is derived, a single disclosed species of TGF- $\beta$  superfamily member from which the finger 2 subdomain is derived, a single disclosed species of TGF- $\beta$  superfamily member from which the heel subdomain is derived, and a single disclosed species of TGF- $\beta$  1 superfamily member from which the conserved C-terminal cysteine domain is derived. Applicants are further advised that an election of "a finger 1 subdomain derived from TGF- $\beta$  1", for example, is subgeneric, and an election of "SEQ ID NO: 40, residues 2 through 29", for example, is a species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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